



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Fang Dong *et al.*
Serial No.: 09/402,618
Filed: 07/18/00
Entitled: Target-Dependent Reactions Using Structure-Bridging Oligonucleotides

Group No: 1635
Examiner: Sean McGarry

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Dated: November 27, 2002

By:

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Sir or Madam:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Total Claims	46	—	89	0	×	18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	—	10	0	×	84.00	\$0.00

Two Month Extension of Time	\$400.00
Terminal Disclaimer	\$110.00
SUBTOTAL	\$510.00
Small Entity 50% Filing Fee Reduction	— \$255.00
TOTAL DUE	\$255.00

1. A check in the amount of **\$255.00** is attached.
2. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees necessary for extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1290. An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
3. Petition for extension of time. The undersigned attorney of record hereby petitions for an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, as may be required, to file this response.

Dated: November 27, 2002

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Dated: November 27, 2002: By: Mary Ellen Waite

Dear Examiner:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002. A petition for a two month extension of time, from October 18, 2002 to December 18, 2002 is submitted. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Instructions to amend the specification, and replacement or added paragraphs in clean form pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b), and a clean version of the rewritten, added, and/or cancelled claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(i) is included